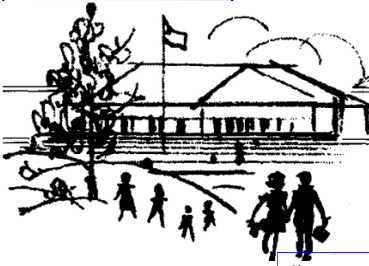


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# Graham County School News



*Graham County School Superintendent*

*Donna M. McGaughey*

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[www.graham.az.gov](http://www.graham.az.gov)

## Superintendent's Message

### Safford

D'Anna O'Mera—Principal, LNS  
Stephanie Mullinix—Kinder, RPS  
Deidra Smith—1st, DSS  
Brittany Henry—2nd, DSS  
Angie Paul—2nd, DSS  
A. Kristi Smith—2nd LNS  
Meghan McGinty—2nd, LNS  
Anthony Vincent—3rd, LNS  
Melissa K Gutierrez—4th, LNS  
Megan Lunt—4th, LNS  
Shannon Perkins—4th, LNS  
Jordyn Keil—4th, RPS  
Kaydee Webster—6th, LNS  
Brittany Jackson—SPED, DSS  
Chrissy Windsor—SPED, DSS  
Brandy Snedden—SPED, DSS  
Christine Boyle—Sp. Ed. Intern, LNS  
AJ Tucker—SPED, RPS  
Adreanna Dominguez—SPED, SMS  
Monica Torres—Sp. Ed., SMS  
Brittany Giacoletti—English, SHS  
Emily Clonts—Math, SHS  
Mark Leal—Choir, SHS  
Janiel Udall—P.E., SHS  
Michael Wilson—Band, SHS  
Braunson Summers—History, MGHS  
Sheila Pompeo—CTE, MGHS

### Thatcher

Gwen Nuttall—1st, JDPS  
Stella Palmer—1st, JDPS  
Kayla Roderick—1st, JDPS  
Vanessa Rubalcava—1st, JDPS  
Katie Udall—3rd, JDPS  
Chris Riehemann—P.E., THS  
Vacant—P.E., THS

### Fort Thomas

Kristen Walker—SPED Director  
Stacey Homer—1st, FTE  
Kelly Nelson—2nd, FTE  
Brook Lindsey—4th, FTE  
Ina Sanchez—SPED, FTE  
Elva Billy—2nd, MTE  
Elizabeth Beavers—SPED, FTE  
Ramiro Martins—Carpentry, FTH  
Cherrie Stewart—ELA, FTH  
Stephanie Unger—Counselor, FTH  
Aurelia Bullis—FTH

### Triumphant Learning Center

Joanne Montell—1st-2nd  
Debra Adams—3rd, 4th  
Audrey Floyd—English, S. Studies

### Solomon

Marcie Flake—Preschool

### Bonita

No new teachers

### G.I.F.T

No new teachers

### Dan Hinton

No new teachers

### Discovery Plus Academy

Adrianna Willis—Music/Arts  
Faith Jarvis—1st grade

### Pima

Dorothy DeSpain—Reading, PES  
Sharla Wood—1st, PES  
Diana Logan—3rd, PES  
Sara Evans—4th, PES  
Cami Damron—6th, PES  
Evan Crockett—CTE, PHS



*Hats Off!  
To all Graham  
County School  
transportation  
personnel for  
safely delivering  
our students to  
and from school*



Join me in welcoming back all of our returning staff members and a special welcome to the educators who are new to our districts. New teacher information as of 8/1/17.

# Welcome!

Graham County Schools will begin the 2017-2018 school year over the next week. Several districts have been preparing schools damaged from storms last October as well as during the summer 2017 rains. New teachers have been hired, classrooms have been put together to welcome our students, and support staff have been very busy behind the scenes attending to the unbelievable amount of work that goes into running a school. Transportation has the buses tuned up and the school grounds are being prepped in anticipation of thousands of students streaming onto them. Leadership in schools is a critical, yet often underappreciated element in the education of our children. Administrators work tirelessly to support the entire system, and every year the job only gets more difficult. We appreciate the service of those who have retired, and we want to welcome several new administrators taking the reins in 2017-2018.

*\*Dr. Kevin Spiller, Superintendent—Thatcher Unified School District*

*\*Matt Petersen, Assistant Superintendent—Thatcher Unified School District*

*\*Tye Stewart, Principal—Thatcher Middle School*

*\*AJ Taylor, Director of Instructional Services—Safford Unified School District*

*\*D'Anna O'Mera, Principal—Lafe Nelson School, Safford Unified School District*

*\*Torey Leitzke, Principal—Safford High School, Safford Unified School District*

*\*Kent Baldwin, Assistant Principal—Safford High School, Safford USD*

*\*EJ Romero, Principal—Mt. Graham High School, Safford USD, (fall 2016)*

Please join me in welcoming these new administrators, new teachers and support staff members as well as our returning school employees.

They do super-hero work on a daily basis.

*If a doctor, lawyer, or dentist had 40 people in his office at one time, all of whom had different needs, and some of whom didn't want to be there and were causing trouble, and the doctor, lawyer, or dentist, without assistance, had to treat them all with professional excellence for nine months, then he might have some conception of the classroom teacher's job. ~Donald D. Quinn*

# **Arizona Department of Education**

## **Certification Update**

### **New Student Teaching Intern Certificate**

The State Board of Education has adopted a new Student Teaching Intern certificate for placements beginning in the 2017-2018 school year. The certificate is **optional** and is not a requirement for participation in a student teaching capstone experience, but may be issued at the request of an approved Educator Preparation Program (EPP) and a school district or charter school seeking to place a student teacher in a paid teaching position.

### ***Requirements for the Student Teaching Intern Certificate***

The Student Teaching Intern Certificate requires the following:

- Enrollment in the culminating student teaching capstone experience of an educator preparation program. The educator preparation program must have a Board approved written supervision plan which includes the following:

  - The educator preparation provider's roles and responsibilities for the Program Supervisor, and

  - The on-site mentorship and induction provided by the Local Education Agency (LEA);

- A minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, or the equivalent;

- A passing score on the required Professional Knowledge **and** Subject Knowledge exams that correspond to the certificate the Student Teaching Intern is pursuing;

- If the applicant has been hired for a special education teaching position, a Bachelor's degree is required.

### ***Application Process for the Student Teaching Intern Certificate***

If a student teacher meets the above requirements, the following process should be used to apply for the Student Teaching Intern Certificate:

- The designated EPP representative completes an EPP Request for Student Teaching Intern Certificate and gives this request and all other pages of the Application for a Student Teaching Intern Certificate to the employing district or charter school.

- The district or charter school superintendent completes a District/Charter School Request for a Student Teaching Intern Certificate and gives this request, the completed EPP request, and all other pages of the Application for Student Teaching Intern certificate to the applicant.

- The Student Teaching Intern applicant submits a completed application, the EPP Request, the District/Charter School Request, a \$60 fee, and all other required documents to the Arizona Department of Education, Certification Unit.

Arizona State University, Grand Canyon University, Northcentral University/Rio Salado College, Northern Arizona University, and the University of Arizona have submitted a supervision plan to the Board and are approved to request the Student Teaching Intern certificate. A list of designated contacts from these institutions is attached to this email. If your district or charter school would like to hire a Student Teaching Intern from one of these universities, please contact the appropriate designee.

You may contact the Certification office at (602) 542-2378 or email [Certification@azed.gov](mailto:Certification@azed.gov) if you have any questions or concerns.

# 2017 Southeast Arizona Teachers' Academy

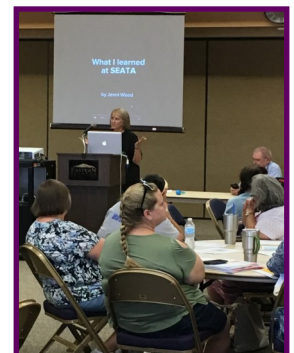
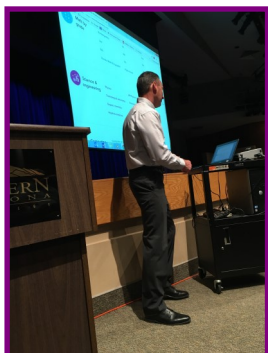
## "SEATA"

The 2017 Southeast Arizona Teachers' Academy, known as "SEATA" took place during the week of June 5-8th on the Eastern Arizona College campus. Educators from Graham, Greenlee, Cochise and Maricopa Counties were able to choose from 196 sessions ranging from technology integration to early childhood to chemistry. The goal of SEATA is to provide high-quality professional development opportunities and experiences to our local educators, presented by master teachers.

The academy is an annual event presented by Donna McGaughey, Graham County School Superintendent, and Tom Powers, Greenlee County School Superintendent. We are able to provide this training for our local educators because of our many partnerships including Eastern Arizona College, Arizona State University, the University of Arizona, the Maricopa County Education Service Agency (MCESEA), the Graham County Health Department, the Safford City/Graham County Library, the Bureau of Land Management, the Arizona Department of Education, and other statewide agencies. Due to the generosity of the United Way of Graham and Greenlee Counties, we have been able to maintain the quality of our academy. State funding levels have disappeared, so we are very grateful to the UW for their support. SEATA serves our local teachers as a venue to study and learn new ways to effectively present core content. Many of our local teachers spend the school year working on their "signature lessons" and in turn, present them to the participants at the academy. For the most part, it is "teachers teaching teachers" which makes SEATA a unique and rewarding experience for everyone.

We have expanded SEATA to include training for early childhood providers. Research points to the importance of brain development in birth-to-age-five children. These classes, along with science, brain research in social and emotional growth, provided good, sound practices for those educators who are giving our youngest students a strong foundation.

Mark Becker, Associate Director with Arizona/PBS and regular presenter at SEATA, served as our keynote speaker. He did a wonderful job inspiring the audience and reminding them to use technology when appropriate, and not just for technology's sake—good lesson! We ended SEATA with a very popular twist on a recap of the week's activities. We held our second "SLAM" which was enjoyed by all. We invited presenters and participants to come up and give three-minute reviews of something they learned and/or taught during the week, or something they do in their own classroom. The "Queen of the SLAM" was Jenny Wood, who demonstrated what she gleaned from SEATA by creating a short video using Adobe Spark. We are already making plans for the 2018 SEATA. Mark your calendars—June 4-7, 2018. See you there!



# Student Teaching Intern Certificate

## Educator Preparation Program Contacts



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- **Northcentral University/Rio Salado College**

Paulina Ngo

Field Experience Coordinator

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ADE Certification Unit 6-8-2017



## Interest form for **Science News** in High Schools 2017-2018

Through the generosity of sponsors of the International Science and Engineering Fair, a free science publication, *Science News* is being made available to 4,000 high schools. Please see the link below to fill out an "interest form" and get your high school on the list for possible distribution of this publication.

<https://societyforscience.tfaforms.net/45>



**NOW OPEN!**

**Governor's Volunteer Service Awards Nominations**

**Arizona's Top Honor for Volunteer Service**

The Governor's Commission on Service and Volunteerism is pleased to announce that nominations are now open for the 16th Annual Governor's Volunteer Service Awards. Please nominate a deserving individual or group in your community for what is considered to be the highest volunteer award in Arizona.

**Award Categories Include:**

**Lifetime Community Service:**

Individuals who have exemplified the ideals of service over 25 years.

**Service to Others:**

Individuals 18 years of age or older at time of nomination. Inspired Youth Leadership:

Youth (17 years and younger) and Youth Groups.

**Service to Community:**

Business, Faith-Based, Nonprofit, and Public Entities. Category also includes other groups that serve in the public interest including: service clubs, fraternal organizations, community groups, and school/college/university-based organizations.

**Service Enterprise Champion:** A Points of Light Institute certified Service Enterprise that actively promotes the Arizona Service Enterprise Initiative.

Those selected as this year's recipients of the Governor's Volunteer Service Award will be honored at a special reception in November.

**Click here to access the Nomination Form**

Nominations are due August 31, 2017.

The Governor's Commission on Service and Volunteerism extends gratitude to our generous Commission Partners: Arizona Exposition State Fair, ASU Mary Lou Fulton Teacher's College Community Engagement Programs, United Way of Pinal County, United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona, Northern Arizona University Civic Service Institute, ASU Lodestar Center for Philanthropy and Nonprofit Innovation, Comcast-Tucson, Cox - Tucson, Grand Canyon University, KMSB/KTTU-Tucson, Mesa Community College Center for Community and Civic Engagement.

Governor's Commission on Service and Volunteerism

Attention: Awards Committee

1700 West Washington Street, Suite 230 Phoenix, AZ 85007

Phone: (602) 542-3426

Fax: (602) 542-3423

Email: [volunteerawards@az.gov](mailto:volunteerawards@az.gov)



Professional Development Workshop

# Analyzing Historic Documents Through an Economic Lens

For middle and high school teachers

Tuesday, October 24, 2017

1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Safford, Arizona

Primary source analysis is key to developing students who can think like historians, political scientists, and economists. This workshop for middle and high school teachers of History, Government, Civics, Social Studies and Economics will look at familiar types of documents in a new way that helps reveal the sometimes invisible mechanisms that shaped past events.

The workshop will include rich content, model lessons you can replicate in the classroom, resources for analyzing primary resources from an economic perspective, and access to all the materials. Attendees will also receive a certificate for 3 hours of professional development.

There is no fee for this workshop, but you must register.

Register

[HERE](https://oe.e.eller.arizona.edu/programs/current)

or online at

<https://oe.e.eller.arizona.edu/programs/current>

*A program of the University of Arizona Office of Economic Education, and  
the Offices of the Graham and Greenlee County Superintendents of Schools,  
with funding from the Thomas R. Brown Foundation.*

**Look what the good folks at E.A.S.I. have planned for you!**



WordItOut

All teachers who teach STEM subjects are invited to join the Eastern Arizona Science Initiative, known as E.A.S.I. They have a wonderful slate of camps, professional development and meetings planned. This is the schedule, subject to slight changes, but use this to plan ahead.

**Please let your fellow teachers know about the wonderful opportunities gained by joined E.A.S.I.! It's easy!**

**2017 EASI Camps and Events Calendar:**

Wed. Aug. 9,	August EASI Meeting
Wed. Sep. 13	September EASI Meeting
Wed. Oct. 11	October EASI Meeting
Wed. Nov. 8	November EASI Meeting
Wed. Dec. 13	December EASI Meeting

Contact Jackie Madsen at [Jackie.madsen@eac.edu](mailto:Jackie.madsen@eac.edu)  
Or call the EAC Discovery Park Campus at 928-428-6260







# STUDENT LOAN FORGIVENESS PROGRAM

for

## GOVERNMENTAL, NONPROFIT & PUBLIC SERVICE EMPLOYEES

*Provided through a partnership with the Association of Educational Service Agencies  
and Innovative Student Loan Solutions*

### DID YOU KNOW...



Average student loan debt for undergraduates = \$26,000

A Master's Degree = \$26,500

Cost of attending college has increased 439% since 1982

46% of student loans are in default



***The AACSS Program lifts the burden of student loans*** We can help your employees save an average of \$600 a month on their student loan payments and help them achieve an average of \$60,000 in loan forgiveness!

### FOR EMPLOYERS

New voluntary benefit for employees  
Enhance recruitment  
Increase retention rates  
Zero cost to implement

### FOR EMPLOYEES

Immediately reduce monthly payments  
Eliminate student loan balance  
No cost, no obligation consultations  
Personalized 10-year plan

### **The Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) Program ...**

Established by Congress through the College Cost Reduction & Access Act of 2007 and enhanced in 2009 and 2012 to encourage individuals to enter public service jobs.

The PSLF Program provides benefits the

Teacher Loan Forgiveness Program doesn't ... **No cap** on loan balance forgiven

**All public employers** qualify

**All full-time employees** are eligible

**Immediate benefit** with loan forgiveness after 10 years of service

### **How it works...**

1. AACSS provides easy-to-share information to governmental, nonprofit and public service employers throughout Arizona.

2. Interested employees click... <https://aacss.myisls.com>, or Scan QR Code:

Enter Registration Code **AACSS**, call 1.866.831.5564

or email: [advisor@isloansolutions.com](mailto:advisor@isloansolutions.com)



# United Way of Graham and Greenlee Counties

## Education Grant Opportunities

### **Goal Statement:**

*The United Way of Graham & Greenlee counties recognizes that education 1) happens everywhere, 2) begins at birth and does not stop, and 3) is a collective community endeavor.*

### **Objectives:**

#### ***Improving school readiness for every child***

The United Way will support activities that help prepare children from birth-to-4 years for successful entry into kindergarten.

#### ***Supporting efforts to ensure every student reads at grade level - especially by third grade***

The United Way will support and collaborate with educators, agencies and partners who are working to address grade level reading for all grades.

#### ***Increasing student access to quality transitional programs***

The United Way will support educators, entities and programs that address learning-loss or key transitional periods for students such as after school activities, summer programs and internship opportunities.

#### ***Supporting community and school district efforts with teacher retention and recruitment***

The United Way will support school districts, businesses, governmental agencies and community development organizations to enhance teacher workforce recruitment and retention.

#### ***Providing direct support to teachers in the classroom by helping to cultivate innovative learning environments and approaches***

The United Way will partner with schools and teachers to implement innovative approaches to help address 21<sup>st</sup> Century challenges.

### ***Partnerships:***

The United Way recognizes that community partnerships are essential to achieving these education objectives. Wherever possible, the United Way will seek to strengthen and broaden community partnerships for the purposes of leveraging resources, sharing of knowledge and expertise, and enhancing program impacts.

**Apply Now!**

Visit the United Way website at [www.uwggc.com](http://www.uwggc.com)

Click on "How to Apply"

Applications will be reviewed each month except during December.

For assistance with your grant, contact Paulette LeBlanc

[pleblanc@aznex.net](mailto:pleblanc@aznex.net)



## Request a free CPR in Schools Educational Kit

For schools outside of Pima and Maricopa Counties

Beginning July 1, 2019, Arizona Senate Bill 1137 will require high school districts and charter schools to train their students in hands-only CPR.

The American Heart Association and a local foundation have generously offered to supply a limited number of Arizona high schools with CPR in School Training Kits valued at \$650 each. This gift is available now and will ship on a “first respond, first shipped” basis. If you accept the kits, there is no cost obligation and all they ask is that you provide the American Heart Association with a total number of students that have been trained.

PLEASE FILL OUT THE FORM FOUND HERE:

<http://files.constantcontact.com/d4ff2b0e001/53a320b0-a314-4416-9751-fca6bdfc2884.pdf>

AND EMAIL IT TO [MIKE.DEITCH@HEART.ORG](mailto:MIKE.DEITCH@HEART.ORG) ASAP. If you have questions about the program, please email Mike Deitch at the above email address.





## A New Twist On Classics



**Modern fairy tales to share with parents and students.**

Watch modern re-tellings of old stories and fairy tales with your students! Send your students home with this collection that includes "guided viewing" videos for parents to talk about the concepts in the videos with their children. [Discover the Collection](#)



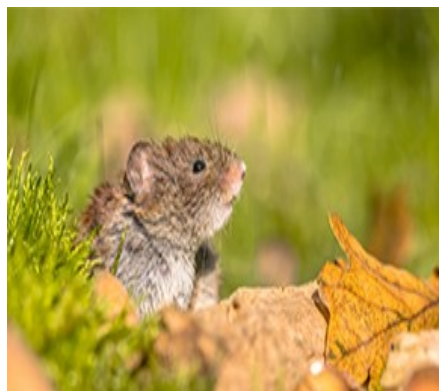
**Raising Readers: Preparing Preschoolers for Success**  
Grades: PreK-K | Hours:15

Learn how to build the foundation for reading, writing, and future academic success today! [Enroll Now](#)



**Lord of the Flies**  
Grades: 9-12

Looking for a book that will provoke deep discussion? Have your students read this classic novel and then share their opinions on the philosophical questions of good, evil, and human morality. [Read More](#)



**City Mouse and Country Mouse**  
Grades: PreK-1

Give your younger students a head start this summer with a video that helps with fluency, phonemic awareness, and more. Your students will enjoy this story featuring a city mouse named Cyril and a country mouse named Cindy! [Read More](#)





## Splash & Bubbles: Marine Biology & Social Emotional Learning for Your Classroom

Whether learning about migration, adaptation for survival or just weird and wacky sleeping habits, the ocean has a lot to offer teachers and their students. [Read the Blog](#)



## Ireland's Wild Coast

Premieres Wed, August 2nd @ 8/7c

Journey along Ireland's rugged Atlantic coast and get insights into the wild animals and wild places that live and thrive on this island. [Tune In](#)



## NOVA: Eclipse Over America

Premieres Monday, August 21st @ 9/8c

Witness the first total solar eclipse to cross the continental United States in 99 years. [Tune In](#)



## Urban Habitat

Grades: 3-12

There is plenty of nature in the city - you just have to look around you. Think about nature in a new way with this video + garden activity guide. [Discover More](#)



## Tides Grades: 9-12

Visiting the beach this summer? Tides at the beach are a subtle but inexorable force that have literally shaped most objects in the universe. Watch this video and you'll never look at tides the same way again! [Discover More](#)



### Register Your School for Arizona Poetry Out Loud

Registration is now open for 2018 Arizona Poetry Out Loud. Teachers who would like to participate register their schools for the program. Once registered, each participating teacher/school site receives a toolkit, which includes a program guide to help teach recitation and performance and a DVD and companion guide for learning recitation--free of charge.

Poetry Out Loud is a poetry recitation contest for high school students that begins in classrooms across the country and culminates with the Poetry Out Loud National Finals in Washington, DC, where champions from every state, Washington, DC, the US Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico compete for a total of \$50,000 in scholarships and school stipends, including a \$20,000 college scholarship for the Poetry Out Loud National Champion. [Click here to learn more](#)



### Students Write to Arizona Poet Laureate Alberto Ríos on Writing, Meaning, and the Importance of Poetry

For National Poetry Month 2017, the Academy of American Poets presented *Dear Poet*, a multimedia education project that invited young people in grades five through twelve to write letters in response to poems written and read by some of the award-winning poets who serve on the Academy of American Poets Board of Chancellors. Arizona Poet Laureate Alberto Ríos was a featured poet for this project.

[Click here to read the letters and the Poet Laureate's responses](#)



### Share Your Creative Spark Show Arizona where creativity thrives in your community!

NextAZ is a statewide planning initiative designed to empower communities to activate creative assets and co-create ideas to realize Arizona's brightest future. This initiative and its programs focus on listening to your stories, your triumphs, and aspirations; learning about your unique talents and your community's challenges and opportunities; and leveraging--lending your creative and collaborative skills to help Arizonans, and Arizona communities, achieve their most significant goals.

**Show us where creativity thrives in your community, and share your creative spark!**

**Arizona residents are welcome to submit online or by mail.**

**<http://azarts.gov/nextaz/creativespark/>**



## Arizona Geographic Alliance (AzGA)

Arizona State University | School of Geographical Sciences & Urban Planning | P O Box 875302 | Tempe, AZ 85287-5302 |

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976 S Forest Mall, Coor Bldg, Fifth Floor, Room 5677 (Zip 85281)

### Mountain Magic: Identifying the Basic Physical Characteristics of Mountains

**Description:** In this lesson, students learn about mountains and mountain ranges as distinct landforms with the related geographical vocabulary.

**Author:** Judy Phillips

**Grade Range:** 1-2

**Duration:** 2 class periods

[Teacher Instructions](#)

[Student Worksheets, Assessments, and Answer Keys](#)

[Student example](#)

**Materials to Assist Teachers and English Language Learners:**

[Teacher Instructions with ELL adaptations](#)

[Vocabulary Cards](#)

## New lesson!

## American Dream

**Description:** In this lesson, the student will be able to identify push/pull factors and cite evidence using primary sources (modern day immigrant stories). Students will also make predictions, inferences, and assumptions based on facts unique to one individual and create an American Dream statement for this immigrant. This lesson includes strategies for teaching diverse learners.

**Author:** Janet Kovach

**Grade Range:** 8

**Duration:** 2-3 class periods

[Teacher Instructions](#)

**Student Materials:**

[Student Worksheets, Assessments, and Answer Keys](#)

[Map – World \(Atlantic Centered\)](#)

[Map – World \(Pacific Centered\)](#)

**Materials to Assist Teachers and English Language Learners:**

[Vocabulary Cards](#)

[Vocabulary Test](#)

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## New lesson!

### Satellites, Orbits and Space Junk

**Description:** In this lesson, the student will analyze the benefits and hazards associated with objects which have been placed into the three kinds of Earth's orbits. They will construct a map to locate the three orbits and plot the objects located there. They will then gather information about the consequences of having humans modify space. This lesson includes strategies for teaching diverse learners.

**Author:** Alison Oswald Keene

**Grade Range:** 7

**Duration:** 2 class periods

[Teacher Instructions](#)

[Student Worksheets, Assessments, and Answer Keys](#)

[Earth in Space Map worksheet](#)

**Materials to Assist Teachers and English Language Learners:**

[Vocabulary Cards](#)

[Vocabulary Test & Answer Key](#)

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## New lesson!

### Cinderella Around the World & The Five Themes of Geography

**Description:** In this lesson, students will explore the places and regions around the world through multicultural Cinderella Stories. While reading the stories, students will not only review literary elements of traditional literature, they will identify the five themes of geography. They will then complete additional research to present their Cinderella stories through a visual representation of the story and its country of origin. This lesson includes strategies for diverse learners (ELLs).

**Author:** Karen Guerrero

**Grade Range:** 6

**Duration:** 3 class periods

[Teacher Instructions](#)

[Student Worksheets, Assessments, and Answer Keys](#)

**Materials to Assist Teachers and English Language Learners:**

[Vocabulary Cards](#)

[Vocabulary Test & Answer Key](#)

# MARCH 2 SUCCESS



## COLLEGE SUCCESS STARTS HERE

March 2 Success (M2S) is a free, no obligation, interactive, online, self-paced academic program designed to improve student performance on standardized tests, college admissions tests (SAT, ACT), while enhancing student math, science, English and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) skills.

To have a strong future, the U.S. Army provides all its employees with a large selection of educational programs and benefits. Now the Army is extending that commitment to young adults still in school. March 2 Success is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week so students or educators can log on at times that are convenient for them. March 2 Success is free. There is no obligation.

## **www.march2success**      **THE COURSE**

**Students will have the ability to select part or all sections of the courses offered within March2Success. These sections include (with brief highlights):**

- ◇ High school math and verbal skills – High school flashcard decks (15 vocabulary & grammar, 10 math)
- ◇ High school science hub (earth science, biology chemistry, physics)
- ◇ High school preparation (study skills, language arts, math, science)
- ◇ STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math)
- ◇ College Readiness Online Course (advanced level courses) — College readiness flashcard decks (15 vocabulary & grammar, 10 math)
- ◇ College planning tips – admissions, financial aid, college success information
- ◇ Student Planning Guide
- ◇ ACT program (7 timed practice tests)
- ◇ SAT program (7 timed practice tests)
- ◇ SAT/ACT flashcard decks (20 vocabulary & grammar, 5 math)
- ◇ Zero hour threat (video game to raise SAT/ACT scores)

### **For Educators, Parents, or Mentors:**

The March 2 Success website includes a feature allowing a monitor to track students' progress that includes grouping students to simplify management.

### **Who can use the site?**

This site is for everyone over the age of 13. Sign onto [www.march2success.com](http://www.march2success.com) to register and to view course demonstrations. Spanish Program Overview Available.

**Developed by the Army for you!**



## **The Safford City-Graham County Library offers amazing resources for teachers and students at no cost!**

### **Library Cards**

Residents of Graham and Greenlee county are eligible for a free library card. Children under 18 must have a parent's or legal guardian's permission to get a library card.

### **Library Tours and ScienceCity Field Trips**

Library tours are available for classes with at least 2 weeks' notice. For more information, write to Leanne McElroy at [lmcelroy@saffordaz.gov](mailto:lmcelroy@saffordaz.gov). A limited number of hands-on ScienceCity field trips are available to K-6<sup>th</sup> classes visiting the library. For more information, write to Lesley Talley at [ltalley@saffordaz.gov](mailto:ltalley@saffordaz.gov).

### **Online Tutoring**

Live, online tutoring for students in kindergarten through college is available daily from 2pm till midnight through Tutor.com on the library's website. Tutor.com is free to all students in Graham and Greenlee counties thanks to support from the Safford Library, the Greenlee County Library District and the United Way of Graham County.

### **Online Classes - Universal Class**

Over 500 free online classes are available to library card holders. Courses include computer skills and teacher related courses for CEU credit. Remember, the classes are free ONLY if accessed through the library's website.

### **Language Learning - Mango Languages**

User-friendly language learning is available for over 70 languages through Mango Languages. It includes 11 ESL options for those who are learning English. Remember, the classes are free ONLY if accessed through the library's website.

### **Academic Databases**

Information-packed online databases from Gale and World Book Encyclopedia are available for elementary through high-school age children. With vetted information, no pop-up ads and clear citations, they offer a great research tool for students.

### **Tumblebooks, eBooks and downloadable audiobooks**

Digital versions of many popular books for young children through teens are available through the library website. Tumblebooks targets younger children with colorful picture books and simple chapter books. Our eBook and downloadable audiobook collections include titles for tweens and teens.

### **Dolly Parton's Imagination Library**

Thanks to funding from Arizona First Things First, all children in Graham and Greenlee counties are eligible to receive free books mailed to their home from birth until their 5<sup>th</sup> birthday. These high-quality books are theirs to keep and build their own home library.

### **Books, DVDs and Audiobooks**

With approximately 45,000 items on the shelves, the library is sure to have something for you or your students. From picture books and children's audiobooks to nonfiction books and DVDs, we have great resources to support you in the classroom.

**For more information or for a teacher tour/training, call 432-4165 or email the Library Director Leanne McElroy at [lmcelroy@saffordaz.gov](mailto:lmcelroy@saffordaz.gov).**

Start Getting Ready for the 2017 Graham County Fair!  
Teachers! It's never too early to start planning for the fair. The theme for 2017 is  
***"Way Out West at the Graham County Fair."***  
The dates are October 5-8, 2017  
The fair staff look forward to you entering your students' work in their exhibit hall!

## Graham County Food Safety Training Online courses now available!

Graham County now offers web-based training to provide "anytime, anywhere" access to high-quality, cost-effective Food Safety training.

### Courses Include:

- \*Food Safety for food handlers
- \*Food Manager certification
- \*HACCP Plan Development and Implementation

Log-on to: <http://grahamcounty.vls01.com/>

Contact: Graham County Health Dept. 928-428-0110



**RAISING SUPERHEROES  
IN YOUR SCHOOL**  
SCHOOL ASSEMBLY OR SPECIFIC GRADES

**OUR GOAL:**  
**TEACH STUDENTS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN  
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**THEN HELP THEM DISCOVER THE HERO WITHIN!**

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[SUPERHEROHANDBOOK@GMAIL.COM](mailto:SUPERHEROHANDBOOK@GMAIL.COM) **435-216-6779**

**CLASSROOM CURRICULUM NOW AVAILABLE!**

**TEACHERS CAN USE TOPICS IN ADDITION TO THEIR LESSONS, OR AS A STAND ALONE LESSON.**



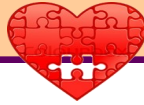
# Memory Loss—Dementia—Alzheimer's



**Serving the needs of caregivers and their loved ones through:**

- community awareness education of the impact of dementia today and in the future
- identifying symptoms of persons with dementia/on set of Alzheimer's Disease
  - encouraging early diagnosis of memory problems
- providing services to caregivers, their loved one and their families

**Early Diagnosis is very**



**Can you identify serious memory**

- ◆ Would you like to learn more about how Memory loss, Dementia and Alzheimer's can impact your family and loved ones?
- ◆ Do you know someone who may be showing signs of memory loss?
- ◆ Are you a Caregiver for someone who is memory-impaired, and need help finding resources to assist you in giving care?

**If you answered yes to any of the above questions, then you may be interested in attending a presentation about:**

## **VITAL AGING— SUPPORTING AND MAINTAINING YOUR BRAIN**

The Graham County Health Department—Chronic Disease program is offering free presentations to church groups ( such as: bible study groups, Relief Society, Priesthood, high school age church youth groups), civic organizations, clubs, employee wellness groups and others as requested.

The presentation is about 45 minutes to an hour. Resources will be available at the presentation. Caregivers who are already engaged in everyday care of someone with memory loss are encouraged to attend along with their family members.

**To schedule a time for the presentation to be given at your church, organization, club, etc. Please call: Laura Rogers**



## **Caregiver Support**

**There is a strong correlation between the health and well-being of a caregiver and the quality of care that caregivers can provide. A caregiver with a positive outlook**

Information provided by Southeastern Arizona Dementia Friendly Communities and Graham County Health Department—Healthy People, Healthy Communities Chronic Diseases Program Contract # ADHS16-098358



## **Grant Funding Alerts** *It's never too early to start working on a grant!*

### **Name: Freeport-McMoRan STEM Innovation Grants**

**Who:** K—12 Teachers, school administrators or parent volunteers/PTA officials

**Amount:** Up to \$5,000

**Deadline:** March 15 each year (window: Dec. 1—March 15)

**http://www.freeportinmycommunity.com/schools/stem-grant**

### **Name: Freeport-McMoRan Mini-Grants for Education**

**Who:** Teachers, school administrators or parent volunteers/PTA officials

**Amount:** \$100-\$500

**Deadline:** October 1, 2018 (window: May 1—Oct.1)

**Link:** <http://www.freeportinmycommunity.com/schools/mini-grants>

### **DonorsChoose.org Makes It Simple to Help Classrooms**

DonorsChoose.org is an online charity that makes it easy for anyone to help students in need. Public school teachers from every corner of America post classroom project requests on this site.

Donors can find projects or classrooms that most inspire them and make a donation. When a project reaches its funding goal, DonorsChoose.org ships the materials to the school. You'll get photos of the project, a letter from the teacher, and insight into how every dollar was spent. Give over \$50 and you'll also receive a hand-written thank from the students. If you're a teacher looking for support for a classroom project, just go to DonorsChoose.org and start your own account. The

Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation announced that it will match \$1 million in donations to DonorsChoose.org. Donors need to enter the code JUMPSTART to have their donation matched.

Through the Arizona Substance Abuse Block Grant, the Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family (GOYFF) will focus on bringing deeper and more impactful substance use prevention and early intervention services to youth throughout the state directly through their high schools.

GOYFF will make funding available directly to high schools through a competitive Request for Grant Application process. Be sure to log into <https://procure.az.gov/bsol>

*It's Never Too Early to Work on Your Grant!*

### Disney Be Inspired Grants

**Deadline: September 30**

The Walt Disney Company, through Youth Service America (YSA), will award \$500 grants this fall to young changemakers who are working with organizations to create a brighter tomorrow. It gives kids the opportunity to turn their creative ideas into projects that make communities healthier, greener and stronger. We encourage you to invite a young changemaker, aged 5-18, to apply for this opportunity. [www.YSA.org/BeInspired](http://www.YSA.org/BeInspired)

### **Lowes Community Partners Program**

Deadline August 25, 2017

<https://newsroom.lowes.com/apply-for-a-grant>

### **Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation Toolbox for Education Grants**

**Deadline: September 26, 2017**

[www.toolboxforeducation.com/](http://www.toolboxforeducation.com/)

### **Captain Planet Foundation Grants**

**Deadline: September 30, 2017**

[www.captainplanetfoundation.org/apply-for-grants/](http://www.captainplanetfoundation.org/apply-for-grants/)

### **Kids in Need Foundation**

[Www.kinf.org/grants/](http://Www.kinf.org/grants/)

### **Target Field Trip Grants**

**Deadline: Oct. 1, 2017**

[corporate.target.com/corporate-responsibility/grants/field-trip-grants](http://corporate.target.com/corporate-responsibility/grants/field-trip-grants)

### **Awesome Foundation**

[www.awesomefoundation.org/](http://www.awesomefoundation.org/)

Ongoing—monthly grants

## *Professional Development Opportunities*

### ***Supporting and Sustaining Teachers—New Teacher Coalition***

We are very excited to announce our partnership with the United Way of Graham and Greenlee Counties and local businesses to welcome new teachers to our communities. We will be hosting several coalition meetings throughout this school year to provide service and support to our newest group of educators.

### ***Rodel Math 20/20—Year 3***

Over the past two years, we have hosted grades 2, 3, 4 and 5 teachers in the Rodel Math 20/20 program of study and best practices in mathematics. Rodel Math engages teachers and school leaders by taking a systemic approach to transforming the teaching and learning of math based on Arizona's College and Career Ready Standards for Mathematics. This year, the program is expanding to include grades one and six. We are excited to offer support to all of these teachers again during monthly professional development opportunities designed to strengthen their math skills. We are able to do this through our partnership with the United Way of Graham/Greenlee.

### ***U of A Office of Economic Education “Analyzing Historic Documents Through an Economic Lens” for Middle and High School Teachers***

See page 7 of this newsletter to preregister for this amazing opportunity to gain more resources in the subjects of history, government, civics, social studies and economics. The workshop will be held in Safford on Tuesday Oct. 24th from 1:00—4:00. Sign up now!

**TBA:** We will continue our quarterly Early Childhood Coalition meetings, and we will also rollout a schedule of technology trainings designed to meet your needs!

Stay tuned by perusing these newsletters!

## **Contact us!**

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